

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1 1. (Currently Amended) A glove with a protective pad assembly, comprising:  
2 a base layer, integrally formed of loop fasteners, that extends over a user's palm  
3 and encircles a user's thumb to protect a user's hand to which protective layers are to be  
4 applied, the base layer ~~including comprising the~~ loop fasteners on an outwardly facing  
5 surface to provide a soft surface and to allow placement of a plurality of protective layers  
6 corresponding to an injury to a median nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or joints  
7 covered by the base layer; and

8 the plurality of protective layers ~~consist comprising of~~ protective material with  
9 hook fasteners on a first side and loop fasteners on a second surface, ~~the wherein~~  
10 respective layers of the plurality of protective layers ~~being are~~ smaller than the base layer  
11 and sized to cover regions of the base layer that correspond to the injury to the median  
12 nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or joints covered by the glove, ~~wherein the~~ plurality of  
13 protective layers being are configured to be readily repositioned by the user ~~arranged~~  
14 relative to the base layer to provide a selected number of protective layers to selected  
15 locations that correspond to the injury to the median nerve, the user's thumb, or bones or  
16 joints covered by the glove, ~~wherein the~~ protective layers ~~are being further~~ configured to  
17 fasten to the base layer by a first side of a first protective layer fastened ~~ing~~ to the loop  
18 fasteners on the base layer and a second side of the first protective layer attached  
19 ~~attaching~~ to a first side of a second protective layer to provide at a given selected location  
20 ~~the~~ protection of at least two protective layers attached to the base layer and to provide at  
21 any other selected locations as needed ~~the~~ protection of ~~the a~~ same or a different number  
22 of protective layers readily repositioned by the user.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1, further comprising:

2 a cover layer ~~that includes comprising~~ a smooth outer surface and an inner surface  
3 with fasteners that secure the cover layer in place relative to an outermost protective  
4 layer.

1 3. (Cancelled)

- 1 4. (Original) The assembly of claim 2 wherein at least one of the protective layers or the  
2 cover layer is waterproof.
- 1 5. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is padding.
- 1 6. (Original) The assembly of claim 5 wherein the padding is closed cell foam.
- 1 7. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a gel pad.
- 1 8. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a hot or cold  
2 pack.
- 1 9. (Original) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material is a thermal  
2 resistant material.
- 1 10. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the protective material for  
2 one or more of the protective layers ~~consists of or includes~~ comprises a rigid material.
- 1 11. (Original) The assembly of claim 10 wherein the rigid material is a splint.
- 1 12. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of  
2 protective layers extends past ~~the~~ an area covered by the base layer.
- 1 13. (Cancelled)
- 1 14. (Currently Amended) The assembly of claim 1 wherein the ~~integral-loop~~ fasteners on  
2 the surfaces of the base layer and protective layers are ~~hooks or loops~~  
3 loop fastening system.

15. – 24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A glove with a protective pad assembly, comprising:

a removable base layer, integrally formed of loop fasteners, that covers a user's palm and portions of a user's thumb, the base layer ~~including-comprising the~~ loop fasteners on an internal facing surface to provide a soft surface against the user's palm and to allow placement of a plurality of removably located protective layers corresponding to particular nerves, bones, joints or tendons covered by the base layer; and

wherein the plurality of removably located protective layers ~~that-consist-comprise~~ of protective material with hook fasteners on a first ~~side-surface~~ and loop fasteners on a second surface, ~~the-wherein~~ respective layers of the plurality of removably located protective layers ~~being-are~~ smaller than the base layer and sized to cover regions of the base layer that correspond to locations of injuries to the particular nerves, bones, joints or tendons ~~to-the-area~~ covered by the base layer, wherein the plurality of removably located protective layers are configured to be readily repositioned by the user~~being-arranged~~ relative to the base layer to provide a selected number of removably located protective layers to customizably selected locations that correspond to the locations of particular the injuries ~~to-of~~ the nerves, bones, joints or tendons ~~to-the-area~~ covered by the base layer, wherein the removably located protective layers are further-being configured to fasten to the base layer by the first side of a first removably located protective layer fastened to the loop fasteners on the internal surface of the base layer and the second side of the first removably located protective layer ~~attaching-attached~~ to a first side of a second removably located protective layer to provide at a given selected location ~~the-protection~~ of at least two removably located protective layers attached to the internal surface of the base layer and to provide at any other selected locations as needed ~~the-protection of at the~~ same or a different number of removably located protective layers readily repositioned by the user at any given time.

1 26. (Currently Amended) A glove, comprising:

2 a base layer, integrally formed of loop fasteners, that covers a user's hand and  
3 portions of a user's thumb, wherein the base layer ~~includes~~ comprises the loop fasteners  
4 on an internal and outwardly facing surface of the base layer; and

5 a plurality of removably located protective layers ~~that consist of~~ comprising pro-  
6 tective material with hook fasteners on a first side and loop fasteners on a second surface,  
7 ~~the wherein~~ respective removably located protective layers are being smaller than the  
8 base layer and sized to cover an injured nerve within a hand of the user's ~~hand~~, an in-  
9 flamed area on the hand of the user's hand or an injury to a thumb of the user's ~~thumb~~,  
10 wherein the plurality of removably located protective layers being are configured to be  
11 readily repositioned by the user ~~arranged~~ relative to the base layer to provide a selected  
12 number of removably located protective layers to customizably selected locations on the  
13 base layer that correspond to the injured nerve within the hand of the user's hand, the in-  
14 flamed area on the hand of the user's hand or the injury to the thumb of the user's thumb,  
15 the removably located protective layers further being configured to fasten to the base  
16 layer by a first side of a first removably located protective layer fastened ~~ing~~ to the loop  
17 fasteners on the internal or outwardly facing surface of the base layer and a second side  
18 of the first removably located protective layer attached ~~ing~~ to a first side of a second re-  
19 movably located protective layer to one another to provide at a given selected location ~~the~~  
20 protection of ~~a of~~ at least two removably located protective layers attached to the surface  
21 of the base layer and to provide at any other selected locations as needed ~~the~~ protection of  
22 ~~at the~~ same or a different number of removably located protective layers at any given time.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is  
2 padding ~~and the padding is~~ placed on the internal facing surface.

1 28. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 27, wherein the padding is closed cell  
2 foam.

1 29. (Currently Amended) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a gel  
2 | pad, ~~and the gel pad is~~ placed on the internal facing surface.

1 30. (Currently Amended) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a hot  
2 | or cold pack, ~~and the hot or cold pack is~~ placed on the internal facing surface.

1 31. (Currently Amended) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material is a  
2 | thermal resistant material ~~is~~ placed on the internal facing surface.

1 32. (Currently Amended) The glove of claim 26, wherein the protective material for one  
2 | or more of the removably located protective layers ~~comprises~~ ~~consists of or includes~~ a  
3 rigid material.

1 33. (Previously Presented) The glove of claim 32, wherein the rigid material is a splint.